IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Arjen BRANDSMA et al.

Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

SCRATCH PREVENTING METAL PUSH BELT AND OIL SPECI-FICATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 as follows:

--3. (amended) Belt according to claim 1, characterised in that the surface profiling is realised by grooves disposed in crossing sets.

characterised in that the shape of the carrier contacting face of the transverse element, taken in cross section thereof and in the belt longitudinal direction, corresponds to a radius of curvature substantially preferably larger than the largest running radius specified for the belt.

--5. (amended) Belt according to claim 1, characterised in that the carrier contacting face of the element is shaped by a substantially flat surface.

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